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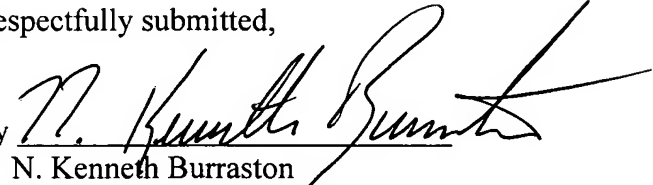
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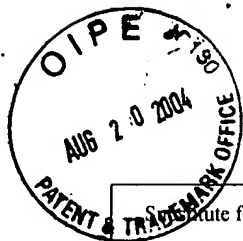
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	16.	JP	10-069955		Maruyama et al.	3/10/1998	X	Yes
	17.	JP	08-263092		Wakefield	10/13/1995	X	Yes
	18.	JP	09-508241		FormFactor, Inc.			No***

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